

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have elected, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1 - 36 of Group I in response to the Restriction Requirement issued for the present patent application. Claims 37 - 52 of Group II are canceled herein.

Claims 8, 9, 15-19, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-4, 8-11, 14, 18, 33, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wilhoit, U.S. Patent No. 5,573,800 ("Wilhoit").

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilhoit.

Claims 5-7, 15-17, and 27-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilhoit as above, and further in view of Teumac et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,465,065.

Claims 12, 13, 20-23, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilhoit in view of Cook, U.S. Patent No. 6,933,046.

Claims 34 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilhoit in view of Ruzek, U.S. Patent No. 5,985,342.

Claims 24 and 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 24 and 25 have been rewritten in independent form as claim 1 and independent new claim 53, respectively, including the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 12, as follows: applicants have amended base claim 1 by including the limitations of claim 24 and intervening claim 12. Claims 12 and 24 are canceled herein. Applicants have also added new claim 53 which includes the limitations of claim 1, claim 25 and claim 12. Claim 25 is also canceled herein. Hence, applicants believe that claims 1 and 53 are allowable as indicated by the examiner. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 53, contain their limitations, and are also allowable. New claims depending from claim 53 contain limitations corresponding to originally submitted claims as follows: claims 54 - 63 correspond to claims 2 - 11, and claims 64 - 68 correspond to claims 13 - 17.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company, Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

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